

In the Claims

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30. (Original) A light valve for use in direct view reflective liquid crystal displays, comprising a light source that emits non-polarized light;  
a homeotropic vertically aligned nematic mode reflective liquid crystal cell;  
a circular polarizer positioned between said light source and said liquid crystal cell  
wherein light emitted by said light source is incident to said circular polarizer, and  
wherein light reflected by said liquid crystal cell is incident to said circular polarizer.

42. (New) The light valve of claim 9, wherein the light is generally on-axis to said first circular polarizer, said liquid crystal cell, and said second circular polarizer.

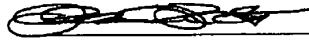
**CONCLUSION**

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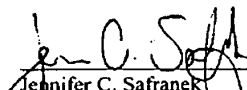
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